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## Books Written about Greenbelt

by Sandra A. Lange

Over the past 75 years a literary cottage industry has formed around Greenbelt. The Rexford Guy Tugwell Room at the Greenbelt Library is filled with newspaper and magazine articles about Greenbelt's cooperatives; students have written papers on Greenbelt's planned community and art deco features; candidates for masters' and PhD degrees have written books on the social experiment inherent in Greenbelt's history. And if you peruse Amazon or eBay, you will find editions of old books about Greenbelt selling for \$40 to \$200 plus shipping.

The most recent new book is in the Arcadia Publishing Images of America series called simply "Greenbelt." Written by former Greenbelt Museum director/curator Jill Parsons St. John and current museum Director/Curator Megan Searing Young, the paperback book contains many photographic images celebrating Greenbelt's history as a planned



Editor Mary Lou Williamson and written to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary celebration in 1987. A ten year update, 1987-1997, appears in a later edition of the book.

This hardback book traces Greenbelt's history beginning with the acquisition of land by the federal government, the town's physical construction and its social construction. Later chapters address the War Years, Utopia in Transition (post World War II), Growing Pains (60s) and Greenbelt in the 70s, 80s and 90s.

### Many Photographs

Page after page of the work captures dozens of photographs from private and public collections revealing the social, political, recreational and educational workings of the city over six decades. Each chapter had been written in an informal manner by community leaders and professional academics. The work also contains a comprehensive list of city councilmembers, Greenbelt organizations, a bibliography and an index.

Almost anyone wants to know about Greenbelt's history can be found in this one book. As Williamson noted in her acknowledgments, "We . . . [wanted] a full size book rich in photographs and rich in personal accounts." Copies are still available for purchase at the Greenbelt Museum shop. It is also selling on Amazon at prices ranging from \$50 to \$198.99 plus shipping.

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community from its 1937 inception to the present.

The book was reviewed by Virginia Beauchamp in the December 29 issue of the News Review. Purchasing it at the Greenbelt Museum shop helps support museum and 75th Anniversary activities.

What Young refers to as the "Greenbelt Bible" is Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987, edited by News Review

## Community Church Pastor Retiring for New Service

by James Giese



Reverend Daniel R. Hamlin, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, announced his planned retirement to his congregation by letter and at the worship service on January 8. Hamlin will retire on June 30. He has been pastor for more than 27 years, the longest serving pastor for that congregation.

Hamlin plans to continue to live in Greenbelt, he said, but expects to do a lot of traveling. Under a grant provided by the Church World Service, a charity sponsored by churches throughout the country providing assistance to those in need both here and abroad, Hamlin plans to travel some two months a year in this country. He will give talks with slide presentations on how the

organization's CROP hunger relief program has transformed populations lacking water and other means to produce food. (Crop was formerly known as the Christian Rural Overseas Program.)

In 2010 Hamlin traveled to Kenya to see first-hand how these programs had helped provide wells to villagers whose women and children had previously had to spend much of the day walking miles to water sources and returning with large, heavy containers filled with water for family use.

CROP Hunger Walks, sponsored by area churches and churches throughout the country, are held annually to raise funds for this program. Greenbelt Community Church, although modest in size in membership, has been a consistent leader in fund raising. It usually wins the "Holy Sole" award for participating area churches and ranks nationally in the top 10 among participating churches of the United Church of Christ (the denomination to which the Greenbelt church is affiliated).

### Rumi Forum

Hamlin has also established a friendly relationship between his church and the Rumi Forum,

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## Great Kick-off for City's 75th Diamond Jubilee

by Thomas X. White

After nearly two years of planning, the festivities celebrating Greenbelt's founding in 1937 were launched on Sunday, January 8 as part of monthly Artful Afternoon activities at the Greenbelt Community Center. For the many Greenbelt youngsters and oldsters attending the events from 1 to 4 p.m., the 75th Anniversary Committee and arts coordinator provided an outstanding array of activities, dedications, minimal speeches, a very enjoyable operatic performance and a good first-taste of what is in store for Greenbelt during its diamond jubilee year.

### Dedication

The first formal activity of the afternoon was the dedication of the "Faces of Greenbelt" ceramic tile panel at the hallway on the second level of the Community Center (near the Center's back stairwell). The panel had been a community Artful Afternoon project implemented by Mary Gawlik, artist-in-residence and ceramics instructor at the Community Center. The panel consists of 34 individual artistic impressions created by participants from the very young (2 to 3 years) to 75

plus years of age.

At the dedication, Mayor Judith Davis used Mary Gawlik's words to describe the project's purpose: "to create a piece that expressed community faces that are as diverse as all of us and work to create a beautiful work of art." And, the mayor added, "it took the work of many to create the panel, just as it takes many to make a viable community."

### Anniversary Mementos

At the back of the Community Center auditorium, crowds were getting their first view of the set of four ceramic tiles depicting Greenbelt icons – such as the Mother and Child statue, the historic Old Greenbelt Theatre, the more modern entrance to the city's Aquatic and Fitness Center and a specimen Greenbelt tree. The tiles could be ordered on Sunday at \$125 for the entire set or \$35 each for individual tiles. Other items, such as T-shirts, posters, coffee mugs and a handsome backpack, all with the 75th anniversary logo, were also on sale.

See **KICK-OFF**, page 8

## Beltway Plaza's Greenbelt Place Plans Now on Hold

by Thomas X. White

At the Greenbelt City Council's annual stakeholder session with Beltway Plaza management on January 4, councilmembers learned that the proposed Conceptual Site Plan and rezoning request for the mixed-use infill development at the rear of the Beltway Plaza Mall has been put on hold pending the outcome of the ongoing Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment for the Maryland Route 193 corridor. This item was one of several discussed at the stakeholder session.

Six members of council and the city manager were in attendance. Councilmember Silke Pope was out of town. Marc "Kap" Kapistan represented Beltway Plaza shopping center.

Although there was no published agenda, Mayor Judith Davis listed the proposed development plan, mall security and "How is business going?" as topics for the stakeholder session. Responding to her question, Kapistan noted that holiday shopping at the mall was a decided improvement over 2010 and that mall tenants were generally happy with the results.

He noted that one large vacant space remains within the mall and that management is pursuing several potential tenants for

space vacated by Sports Authority some time ago. He noted as well that the recently published announcement by Sears/K-Mart of expected store closures will include the Sears Appliance outlet operating the past two years in the mall west wing.

Within the mall one or two other small shops may close in the near future, he said.

On the bright side, it was noted that the new Joe's Crab Shack is doing very well and that the renovated Giant and Target also continue to do well. Kapistan said the theater multiplex could be better but that theater competition in the area is very tough.

Members of council asked about various shops, noting that some of the smaller shops were vacant. Councilmember Edward Putens suggested mall management might consider some "community" uses for such space, noting that other centers used such spaces to attract shoppers to their centers.

Council also complimented Kapistan for the music programs scheduled at the mall center stage and encouraged him to include more of that type of attraction. Such events are scheduled on

See **PLANS**, page 8

### What Goes On

**Saturday, January 14**  
**9 a.m. to noon**, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot behind Municipal Building  
**Monday, January 16** – City and GHI Offices Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114  
**Tuesday, January 17**  
**10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, Registration for GED Courses; first class  
**Wednesday, January 18**  
**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession with Civic Associations, Greenbelt Community Center  
**Thursday, January 19**  
**11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, Ask the Experts, "What you need to know about Dementia," Green Ridge House



# Letters to the Editor

## Memorializing Golden Joe

There is a growing group of “Old Greenbelt Days” members on Facebook made up of people who grew up here, lived here at some point and people who are very informed about Greenbelt. A large number of them knew Joe Natoli well and also visited his shop many times.

Joe was a large person in a lot of our lives and we think Greenbelt should honor him in some way. Among the suggestions: renaming the Community Center (Center School) or the movie theater. Another idea was to place a plaque outside his shop memorializing him and marking it a Greenbelt historic landmark. I contacted Councilmember Konrad Herling to add my support to doing something suitable.

It would be wonderful if this “gets out there,” catches on and generates feedback resulting in a fitting tribute to Joe’s memory.

John Wise

## Mention of Antismoking Lawsuit a Skewed View

While grateful for the News Review’s year-end round-up of 2011’s biggest stories, I must object to mischaracterizations of the tobacco lawsuit for \$600,000 against the GHI community.

First, in describing David Schuman’s suit against all of us in GHI, GNR says he litigated only “after unsuccessfully seeking remedy by other means.” At no time did Schuman bring his complaint directly to the membership, the ultimate means of appeal before suing a cooperative. In that way he might well have solved any real or perceived problem before taking actions that have contributed to sharp increases in our cost of legal insurance and our co-op fees.

Second, the GNR account also claims Schuman was “seeking a ban on smoking both inside and on the patio of the neighbor’s unit. . . .” Readers ought to know that Schuman sought in court to suppress smoking anywhere at all in the neighbor’s yard, not merely the patio, as confirmed by your own reporting on August 18.

Third, GNR erroneously says “. . . consultant and expert witness James L. Repace spoke of .

. . the inability to prevent air and smoke . . . from entering from outside [outdoors]. . . .” There are audio recordings of that event in addition to news reports and I was there: Repace never claimed smoke could not be mitigated or prevented from entering the home from the outdoors; rather, he took his dubious measurements through an open window.

Indeed, given the consent-based injunction banning all smoking indoors in the adjacent unit, all Schuman must occasionally do is close his windows if the vestiges of cigarette smoke from outside irritate him. Is perpetuating a lawsuit more reasonable than closing your window? That simple act of neighborly compromise, among others, could avert any need for more litigation but Schuman has opted otherwise, preferring the costly courtroom instead.

If it were only one mischaracterization by GNR, I would think it only an error. But three in one paragraph, all in favor of the plaintiff, leads informed readers to think the writer has a clear bias. More worrisome, readers less informed about the litigation are left by GNR with a false understanding of this very burdensome, very unreasonable lawsuit and David Schuman’s plainly irrational appeal.

Andy Carruthers

**Editor’s Note:** We agree that the suit sought to ban the neighbor from smoking in his yard. We stand by the remainder of the story summary.

## Middle School Task Force Corrections

The annual summary of the News Review’s “Top Stories” is a helpful and interesting memory aid and an important part of our community’s historical record.

Unfortunately, this year’s summary contains inaccurate information about the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force.

Last June (not “July”), the city council accepted an Interim Report from the Task Force. The report’s recommendations were summarized in the Preface:

“1. We recommend working . . . to purchase (for “a minimal fee”) part of the Greenbelt Middle School, after its renovation. The rest of the building should be demolished.”

“2. We recommend using the renovated part as a comprehensive community center, to be managed by the city.”

“3. We recommend supporting a wide range of needed community services, including a neighborhood center, in partnership with a variety of private and public agencies.”

The report never recommended acquiring the entire building because of the high costs for renovation (\$15 million) and operation (\$1.8 million annually). Nor did council request an “alternative plan”. . . “that brought renovation costs under \$1 million.”

The Interim Report is available on the city’s website and was summarized in two News Review articles in the July 21, 2011, issue.

David Lange  
Chair, GMS Task Force

## Corrections

In a call for artists to exhibit in space at the New Deal Café that appeared on page 11 in last week’s paper, there was an error in the email address. The correct address is newdealcafeart@yahoo.com.

In reference to last week’s top stories of 2011, we were reminded that the devastating earthquake in Japan was March 11, 2011; that it was not a full week between the earthquake here on August 23 and Hurricane Irene’s arrival on Saturday, August 27; and that it was 20 Hillside that was without power for a week afterward.

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JAN 13

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**Friday**  
\*5, 7:30, 9:55

**Saturday**  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:55

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## Grin Belt



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## Saturday Bird Walk Offered in Bowie

Prince George’s Audubon Society will host its monthly half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor Bridge Road in Bowie on Saturday, January 21 at 7:30 a.m. At this time of year, waterfowl and resident and migrating woodland and field birds may be seen, with a good chance of spotting raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Beginners and experts are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Birders should meet at the parking lot. There is no fee.

For more information call 410-765-6482.

## Mid-Week Bird Walk On Goldman Trail

The Prince George’s Audubon Society will hold a free guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers on Thursday, January 19 at 3 p.m. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and beside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. Beginners and experts are welcome. Binoculars are suggested.

Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

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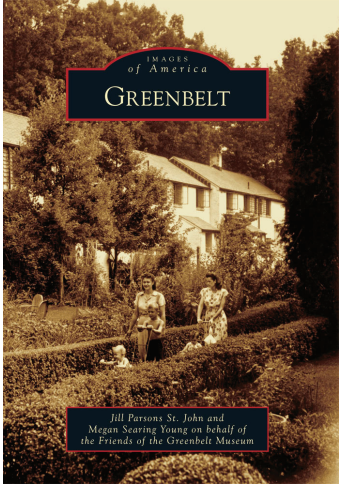
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## GREENBELT MUSEUM



## 2012 Lecture Series

## Behind the Scenes of Images of America: Greenbelt

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7:30pm  
Greenbelt Community Ctr.

Megan Searing Young will share how she and co-author Jill Parsons St. John wrote and chose images for the new book,

*Images of America: Greenbelt*. Copies of the book will be for sale. For more information, please visit greenbeltmuseum.org or call 301-507-6582. This free event is co-sponsored by Greenbelt’s 75th Anniversary Committee.



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 16 through 20:

Monday – Martin Luther King holiday – all sites closed.

Tuesday – Apple juice, cheese pasta shells with meat sauce, seasoned kale, warm fruit compote with raisins.

Wednesday – Grape juice, chicken tenders with Teriyaki sauce, black beans, orange-spiced beets, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked ham with Dijon mustard sauce, lima beans, butternut squash, diced pears.

Friday – Cranberry juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, brown rice, baby carrots, diced peaches.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, January 12, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, January 16, Office Closed – For Maintenance Emergency call 301-474-6011

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club began the new year with the installation of officers for 2012. Director of Recreation Julie McHale installed the following officers at the first meeting in January: President Cathie Brannon, First Vice President John Henry Jones, Second Vice President Christina Sheelar, Recording Secretary Bunny Fitzgerald, Corresponding Secretary Suze Marley and Treasurer Paul Rall.

Let’s give these hardworking volunteers lots of support and help in the coming year to keep our club strong and active.

The January potluck lunch will be on January 18 and we’ll play bingo on January 25.

Smile – a cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition!

## Folk Dance Open House Party Fri.

On Friday, January 13 at 7:30 p.m. a free open house folk dance party will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Participants will celebrate the coming season of international folk dances with dance instructor Roland Forbes. Light refreshments will be served.

The joy of moving to music, meeting great people, getting exercise for the mind and body are all benefits offered by dancing. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Partners are not necessary and many circle dances will be learned. There will be an opportunity to sign up for Friday evening classes through the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party Sat.

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, January 14 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin around 7 p.m. although people may begin to set up telescopes earlier if it is clear.

Objects to be observed include several nice star clusters and nebulae as well as the planet Jupiter with its four Galilean moons. ASG members will be available to answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this hobby.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope. Warm coats, hats and gloves are advised as temperatures are forecast to be in the low 20s.

## Join Cajun Jam At New Deal

On Wednesday, January 25 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.

For more information visit <http://www.newdealcafe.com/>.

## MLK Day Reel & Meal Is “House We Live In”

On Monday, January 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day, the monthly Reel & Meal at the New Deal will show the free film “The House We Live In” at the café at 7 p.m. A vegan buffet is available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. before the film.

Focused on the message that some forms of racism are societal rather than interpersonal, the film deals with the ways banks, lending agencies and other institutions control how mortgages are provided to different groups, resulting in racial bias in housing. “House” is the third of a three-part PBS series on “Race: The Power of an Illusion,” broadcast several years ago. Although Greenbelt is not mentioned, scenes from the early years of Greenbelt are shown in the film.

Following the film, discussion will be led by Dianne Lyday and Nora Howell from Baltimore Racial Justice Action.

## Co-op Food Demos, Wine Tastings Held

January’s Co-op Supermarket wine tasting events will be held on Fridays, January 13 and 20 from 4 to 7 p.m., with a small discount on the wines offered for tasting. On Wednesday, January 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. the monthly Seasonal & Savory food demo will feature endive, pear, blue cheese and pecan salad with a champagne vinaigrette, with an extra wine tasting at the same time. January 25 is also patron appreciation day with a five percent discount off store purchases.

## Winter Playdate Is this Saturday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold a winter playdate at the Youth Center Multipurpose Room on Saturday, January 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children and their caregivers are invited to come play and to bring lunch or a snack.

## Kids Open Microphone At New Deal Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, January 15 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrn@yahoo.com).

## New Widowed Persons Group Starts Feb. 24

Men and women who have lost their spouses are invited to a six-week support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). The group starts Friday, February 24 at the Residence on Greenbelt, formerly Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road. PWPS support groups are co-sponsored by the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

The support sessions meet one afternoon each week from 2 to 4 p.m. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. The group is open to anyone regardless of age, race or religious belief. Trained volunteers who have also been widowed will conduct the sessions.

Participants share personal experiences, exchange information and discuss published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many persons dealing with their new circumstances after losing a wife or husband have received great benefits from insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships provided by such groups.

To register and to receive more information and directions call Leonie at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen at 301-474-6892.

## GATE Has Nonprofit Day for Taping PSAs

The Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) studio will hold a non-profit day Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to allow Greenbelt-based nonprofit organizations to present a 30-second public service announcement. On a first-come, first-served basis the PSAs will be taped and edited for showing between programs on the GATE Channels, Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19.

Organizational presenters should bring a draft script including name, their organizational name, a brief description of the mission or event to be publicized and contact information. Any additional supporting pictures should be brought in as jpegs on a CD. GATE recommends against wearing all black, all white or small patterns as those do not videotape well.

A professional grade Auto-script teleprompter is available so there is no need to memorize a script, though good familiarity with the contents is highly recommended. GATE is located on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center, across from the Multipurpose Room.

GATE is prohibited by law from promoting commercial organizations or commercial events including raffles, sales and lotteries.

Another nonprofit day will be held on Saturday, February 18. For further information call the GATE studio at 301-507-6581 or [MaliaMurray@hotmail.com](mailto:MaliaMurray@hotmail.com).



## At the Library Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time, for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info).



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11:50, 2:15, 4:25, 6:30, 8:40  
Dragon Tattoo, R  
11:40, 3, 6:15, 9:30  
Beauty and the Beast in 3D, PG  
11:55, 2:05, 4:15, 6:40, 8:45  
Joyful Noise, PG-13  
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10  
Dead Money, R  
11:20, 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 10  
Contraband, R (!)  
11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:40, 10:10  
Mission Impossible 4, PG-13  
11:55, 3:35, 7, 9:50  
The Devil Inside, R  
11:25, 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50

SUN. – THU.

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January 29 and February 5  
at 2:30 PM.

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### Coming Soon:

February 17 - 19, 2012 - Truth Be Told, guest production from Alight Dance Company  
March 9 – 31, 2012 – Pippin  
April 7, 2012 - Celtic Concert with The Homespun Ceilidh Band

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More Community Events can be found  
on pages 4 and 5



# Obituaries

## Robert T. Bonham

Pioneer Greenbelter Robert Thomas Bonham, 87, died in his sleep at Riderwood Village on December 18, 2011.

Born in Baltimore, he came to Greenbelt when his widowed mother Bertha Bonham was able to purchase a home in the new town of Greenbelt and he and his siblings were reunited after having been separated.

He graduated from Greenbelt High School. At the school he was manager of their champion basketball team in 1941. The team's record was 13 wins, no defeats.

Later he attended St. John's College in Annapolis. During World War II he served as a Navy Lieutenant. At age 19 he became the youngest officer to serve on a LST in the South Pacific.

After the war he earned a law degree from the University of Chicago. Back in Greenbelt he worked for the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative and became its president. Mr. Bonham was appointed to Greenbelt's eighth city council (1949-51). He attended the Community Church.

He worked as a developer of cooperatives and as a real estate developer for most of his adult life. From 1949 to 1955 he worked for the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, becoming involved in planning urban renewal. As chief of the State Department's Agency of International Development (AID) program in South America he set up credit unions and cooperatives to improve the lives of the poor.

He led a pilot project of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1968 to convert a dilapidated building in the Bronx in New York to affordable condominiums. He also worked as a director of New York's South Street Museums. Later he returned to Maryland and directed one of the first condominium conversions in Adelphi.

Mr. Bonham was married for 53 years to Mary Jean McCarl, the daughter of Greenbelt's first dentist. After her death in 1999, he married Jean Morgan of Silver Spring in 2003, who survives him. Also surviving him are his children, Daryl Bonham Leach and James T. Bonham of Silver Spring, Jan B. Gauvain of Wisherly, Texas, and Dr. Robert Bonham of Honolulu, Hawaii; sister Barbara Young of Greenbelt; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, January 8 at the Montgomery Station Catering Room in Riderwood Village.





**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Legion Holds Open House on Monday

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will host a free open house on Monday, January 16 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Post, 6900 Greenbelt Road. The purpose of the open house is to provide services for veterans and members while educating everyone about what the American Legion does for veterans, children and the community. All are invited.

Representatives will be present to answer questions about veteran's benefits with brochures available with more information. A DVD on the history of the American Legion will be shown. Veterans can join, members can receive their continuous year pins and socialize with other veterans encouraging them to join.

### Meetings

The Sons of the American Legion Squadron 136 meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m.

The Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit regularly schedule membership meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 19. A free meal is served starting at 6:15 p.m. for all members in attendance. Meetings include committee reports, planning, funding and discussions of Post operations and programs, provide members an opportunity to give input and direction and are the forum for awarding continuous years certifications and pins to those who qualify.

Plans are currently being made for the upcoming March 31 Johnny Seaton, a/k/a Elvis fundraiser.

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whose mission is to foster inter-faith and intercultural dialog. In 2008 he traveled to Turkey as a guest of it and the Gülen Islamist movement. Now he has been invited to do some writing and accompany tours two or three times a year to help in interpreting Turkish culture and explaining the good work being done by the Gülen movement for academics, journalists and religious leaders who take the trips.

In his letter to the congregation Hamlin said it was with "heavy heart" that he had decided to retire. However, he said, "I do want to spend the rest of my life doing what I can to feed the hungry, provide what is necessary for people to lift themselves out of poverty and bridge divides of religion and culture. I will continue to work for peace. I prefer to think I'm not retiring. I'm making a "vocational realignment."


At the January 8 worship service, Hamlin conducted a question and answer session instead of delivering a sermon. As it concluded, he was lauded for his service to the church and to the community, following which the membership gave him an extended standing ovation.

The membership of Greenbelt Community Church will choose the next person to serve as pastor. Hamlin has recommended the selection be delayed and an interim minister be employed.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666    www.pbuuc.org

 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

**Sunday, January 15, 10 a.m.**  
"A Beloved Vision" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associate Don Mitchell, DRE, Erica Shadowsong and the Choir  
Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.





**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10am**  
First of four sermons on Anger Isaiah 1:17 Sermon Title: "Is There a Cure for the Virus of Violence?" Remembering MLK and Gabrielle Giffords

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
berwynpresbyterian.net

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223  
*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*


**John Lucero**  
There will be a viewing for John Lucero, who died on January 8, 2012, at Beall's Funeral Home, 6512 Crain Highway, Bowie on Friday, January 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m., with a committal service to follow in Pennsylvania Saturday afternoon.

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST




Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltucc.org  
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

 There are certain pillars [that are] the unshakeable supports of the Faith of God. The mightiest of these is learning and the use of the mind, the expansion of consciousness, and insight into the realities of the universe and the hidden mysteries of Almighty God. (Abdu'l-Baha)

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

  **Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212  
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

**Welcome!**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting/Bible Study</b>

**ALL are Welcome!**  
*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*


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Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services

- Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.  
Quiet Communion Service  
Come as you are!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



### Museum Lecture, Book Signing on Tuesday

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) is sponsoring a lecture and book signing on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. FOGM Director/ Curator Megan Searing Young will discuss how she and co-author Jill Parsons St. John wrote and chose images for the new book, “Images of America: Greenbelt.” She will also show some of the images that weren’t included.

The new book, released in November 2011, covers the early history of Greenbelt right up to the present day. Produced as a project of Greenbelt’s 75th Anniversary, the book is comprised of over 200 captioned photographs, many of which have never before been published. Books will also be for sale at the event.

### Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, January 13 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Stacy Brooks’ special brand of blues and traditional R&B from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, January 14 begins with Bruce Kritt playing classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and The Drivers play jazz from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, January 15 the Not2Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the monthly Kid’s Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. An afternoon of live Middle Eastern music and dance follows from 5 to 7 p.m. with Dartuba Dawg Hafla, whose musicians play exotic instruments including the oud, darbuka and riq.

#### Next Week

Monday, January 16 the Reel & Meal at the New Deal screens “The House We Live In,” which deals with institutional racial bias in housing. Tuesday, January 17 is a chance to express the inner beatnik through the spoken word at the Poetry Night Open Microphone from 7 to 9 p.m. The Pamela Cardullo Ortiz Band plays on Wednesday, January 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, January 19 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m. and the Seth Kibel & Bay Jazz Project will appear from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, January 20 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano, then local band Long Time Coming plays mostly acoustic rock-and-roll from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, January 21 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey on jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Headliner Djesben finishes the evening with world music from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, January 22 Morrigan returns with folk and Indy pop from 5 to 8 p.m.

### CPAE Has Kids’ Arts Drop-Ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) children’s Arts Drop-in programs for ages 3 to 8 led by Aaron Springer and Ann Potter on Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to noon and Sunday, January 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Saturday drop-in is held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road. Parents must also be present.

For details email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of John Lucero of Hanover Parkway on January 8, 2012. Our sympathy to his wife Susan, family and friends.

#### Congratulations to:

– Six Greenbelt teachers who are among 48 county public school teachers to earn National Board Certification and join a county total of 304 teachers achieving the highest credential available to educators. They are Troy Bradbury, Julian Lord and Michael Samordic of Eleanor Roosevelt High School; Ramon Braza and Danica Woodyard of Greenbelt Middle School; and Danielle Todd-Jones of Springhill

Lake Elementary School.

– Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who was installed as president of the Maryland Association of Counties at the MACo winter conference in Cambridge. MACo is a nonprofit, non-partisan organization that serves Maryland county governments by articulating their needs and ideas to the Maryland General Assembly.

– Gaye Houchens from the Recreation Department and husband Tim from Public Works, who welcomed the birth of their

first grandchild, Angelina Serenity White, born on December 29, 2011, at 8:46 a.m. at Holy Cross Hospital weighing in at 5 pounds and 11 ounces. Her proud parents are Courtney and Doug White.

– Jake Tuthill, who just made the Dean’s List in his first semester at University of Maryland. His proud parents are Dr. David D. Tuthill and Sheila Maffay-Tuthill of Lakeside. Grandparents are John and Elizabeth Maffay and Dr. Dean F. Tuthill of Catonsville.

Welcome back to the States and our gratitude for your service goes out to Army National Guard Sgt. Julius V. Austin, who has returned to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., after being deployed to Iraq serving in Operation New Dawn, assisting in rebuilding Iraq’s infrastructure and training Iraqi forces to assume full authority. Austin, a 2001 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is a retention non-commissioned officer with the 1729th Field Support Maintenance Company, based in Havre de Grace.

– Kathleen McFarland



# City Information

#### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16-20

Wednesday, January 18 at 7:30 p.m., **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center Room 114. On the Agenda: Summary of Greenbelt Metro Area / MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan Meeting # 5 on traffic and transportation conditions – 1/12/12, Potential East Coast Greenway Route Adjustment; and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Next Steps

Wednesday, January 18 at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** - with Civic Associations at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

#### Greenbelt CARES

##### WINTER 10-WEEK-GED COURSE

Registration will be held on

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, from 10:30 – 12:30

Greenbelt Municipal Building-25 Crescent Road

The first actual class will be held on Thursday, January 19. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building.

GED I is 10:30 - 12:30, GED II is from 1:00 - 3:00.

**For enrollment information, call CARES, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 or [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov)**

#### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, January 16th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

#### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of January 17th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, January 20th



#### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER 550-A Crescent Road

(behind Police Station)

COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.

**Congratulations to Willow, Jacks, Maddy, Bubbles, Sox, Star, Betty, Chex, Axel, and Kyle on their adoptions. Much love in their happy new homes!**

Left: Poseidon is a young boy whose owner had to move and could not take him. He is very friendly and lovable, but he is a bit sad and scared in his new situation without his former owner. The shelter has many adorable pets waiting to go home with you. Please come out to see them!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! Follow us on Facebook!

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Public Safety Advisory Committee and Senior Citizens Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE CITY OF GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION

Volunteers are being sought to fill three (3) positions on the newly established Greenbelt Ethics Commission.

I. In accordance with the Greenbelt City Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV “Public Ethics”, the Ethics Commission shall consist of three (3) regular members, appointed by the Council. The Commission shall be assisted in carrying out its responsibilities by legal counsel.

II. The Commission shall be the advisory body responsible for interpreting this Article and advising persons subject to it as to its application.

III. The Commission shall be responsible for hearing and deciding, on advice of legal counsel, any complaint filed regarding an alleged violation of this Article by any person.

Please refer to Ordinance No. 1318 passed by the City Council on September 26, 2011 for details of the Ethics Ordinance. The ordinance is available on the City website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), and in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

To apply please send a letter of interest and resume to: Cindy Murray, City Clerk, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 – or email [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY OF SERVICE

In observance of the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, the Greenbelt City Council and the Community Relations Advisory Board join President Obama and others by encouraging residents to take part in community service opportunities. During these challenging economic times, the demands on service organizations are greater than ever. Throughout the City’s history, Greenbelters have generously volunteered their time for the betterment of our community.

You can use the links below to find more information on service opportunities in our area.

The City’s many volunteer organizations can use your help. A list of clubs and contacts is available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/clubs.html)

- **The online home of President Obama’s “United We Serve” initiative:** [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service:** [www.mlkday.gov](http://www.mlkday.gov)
- **Greater DC Cares:** [www.greaterdcccures.org](http://www.greaterdcccures.org)

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents:

#### ASK THE EXPERTS

**Tuesday, January 17 from 11am-12pm  
Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road**

This month the topic is  
**“What You Need to Know about Dementia”**  
with Toni Benton of Arden Courts Memory Care Community. Info: 301-345-6660



# NEWS IN REVIEW

thank Gretchen for her dedication, hard work and tremendous contributions to GHI and the cooperative world. There were speeches, good food, gifts, and presentations on behalf of the GHI Board, members, staff and the City of Greenbelt.



## Contact GHI for Help with “Proof of Insurance” Requests

We can easily take care of this process for you. Please forward the letter from your lender to Kathie Linkenhoker in the Finance Department, and she will take care of getting the necessary proof of insurance to them in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact **Kathie at 301-474-4161, x146, or email [klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net).**

## Addition Maintenance Program Update

The purpose of the study is to

The reception for Gretchen Overdurff, outgoing GHI general manager, was held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Greenbelt Marriott. It was a delightful celebration acknowledging the 17 plus years she has diligently served the members of GHI. Representatives from the cooperative industry, GHI members, city officials, relatives, GHI staff and friends gathered to

staff and friends gathered to honor, hard work and tremendous cooperative world. There were presentations on behalf of the the City of Greenbelt.

## Real Estate Taxes in Your Co-op Fee

The December 13 Corrected letter gave members a breakdown of their monthly fees including their share of GHI real estate taxes. (The first letter contained wording for 2012 but data for 2011). In 2012, for the first time, members' taxes reflect the County assessment on their home, rather than the share previously assigned by a GHI formula. The following information answers questions raised by members:

- The tax on GHI common land is divided equally among all members and is \$6.38 per month of a unit's tax bill. This is included in the tax shown in your notice.
- Real estate taxes include city, county, state, park & planning, stormwater/Chesapeake Bay water quality, transit, and, where applicable, credits such as Homestead and Homeowners' tax credit.
- In the past GHI received Homestead Tax Credit (HTC) for all its members. This credit is no longer available to members who recently purchased a unit, are subleasing their unit, or are claiming HTC on another property. Their tax amount reflects the loss of HTC.
- As was previously reported, the deadline for

## Attention Members: GHI Board Seeks Feedback on Shed Rules

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the GHI Board accepted a final version of proposed rules changes for sheds at GHI, in the form of a replacement for section IX of the Member's Handbook. In general, it loosens the requirements for sheds.

B.2: A one-bedroom frame unit that has only a serviceside yard is allowed a shed in that yard; the neighbor's approval is not required for this.

C.2: Wood-framed and vinyl sheds are allowed up to 80 square feet, or even 100 square feet in a few cases, subject to the restriction of at most 8% of the yard area. There is no re-

appealing 2012 real estate taxes was January 3. More information is at [www.ghi.coop/content/ghi-real-estate-tax-seminar-notes](http://www.ghi.coop/content/ghi-real-estate-tax-seminar-notes).

- GHI pays 2012 real estate taxes in September and December. Any interest earned on the taxes collected since January is added to the replacement reserves. This makes members' 2012 Replacement Reserves contributions lower than they otherwise would be.
- The Homeowner's Tax Credit limits the amount of real estate tax you must pay based upon income. If your gross household income for 2011 was \$16,000, you need not pay more than \$420 real estate tax on your unit for the year (\$35 per month). The limit increases by \$90 per thousand of income, so a 2011 income of \$22,000 would limit your tax to \$960 for the year (\$80 per month). The deadline to apply for this credit is May 1. There are residency and other requirements. Pick up information and forms at GHI or go to <http://www.dat.state.md.us/sdatweb/htc.html> for more details.

For more information e-mail [klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net](mailto:klinkenhoker@greenbelthomes.net) or call 301-474-4161 x 146.

striction on shed roof styles.

C.3: Sheds of up to 24 square feet (such as trash storage containers) can be of any material except metal.

C.4: Decorative elements such as cupolas and weathervanes are permitted without height limits.

To see the full draft section and make comments, visit the website [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop) and search "shed rules" or pick up a hard copy at the GHI Administration Building. All member comments must be in writing and submitted to Rean in the Technical Services department by Wednesday, **February 29, 2012.**

**In with the New:** The Open House reception held on December 29<sup>th</sup> gave members and staff an opportunity to say farewell to outgoing general manager, Gretchen Overdurff as well as joyous best wishes to incoming general manager, Eldon Ralph. The Open House was held from 4-7 pm in the GHI Administration Building.



*Picture on Left: Gretchen officially passes the Chief's Hat to Eldon. Picture on Right: Special thanks to the Transition Team for their many months of hard work to ensure a smooth leadership transition for our cooperative. Left to right: Jeannette Grotke, Dianne Wilkerson, Gretchen Overdurff, Brenda Lewis, Sylvia Lewis, Eldon Ralph.*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## JANUARY

Thu	12	7:30pm	Board Meeting
Mon	16	- -	OFFICES CLOSED: MLK Day
Tue	17	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	18	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Thu	19	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Fri	20	- -	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	23	7:00 p.m.	Communicator Task Force
Mon	23	7:00 p.m.	Bylaws Committee
Tue	24	8:30 p.m.	Yard Line Committee
Wed	25	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	26	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	28	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Fri	3	- -	OFFICES CLOSED
Thu	9	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat	11	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation

*(Dates are subject to change)*

Maintenance service is available—for real emergencies only—outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.

**Greenbelt Homes, Inc.~1 Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD. 20770**  
**www.ghi.coop ~ Tel. 301-474-4161**







# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

December 29, 8:03 p.m., Unit block Parkway Road A man approached some people, displayed a handgun and demanded their property. He is described as a black male, 5'11" tall, 160 pounds, with black hair and a beard, wearing a long, puffy, dark green coat and a black mask.

December 31, 5:33 p.m., Greenway Shopping Center. A woman was approached by a man and a woman who displayed a handgun, assaulted her and took her property. The man is described as Hispanic, 22 to 27 years old, 5'7" to 5'10", 170 to 190 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and black boots. A description of the female robber is not available.

### Drug Arrests

December 30, 10:30 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 23-year-old Landover man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

December 31, 7:05 p.m., Cher-

rywood Lane at Breezewood Drive. A 51-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

December 29, 10:33 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. Alcohol was taken.

January 3, 8:09 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Electronics were taken.

January 4, 2:36 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

January 4, 6:45 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Electronics were taken.

January 4, 6:51 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Electronics and currency were taken.

January 4, 10:51 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Electronics were taken.

### Vandalism

December 31, 3:52 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A win-

dow was broken.

January 3, 5:20 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A window was broken.

### Vehicle Crime

A green 2001 Chevrolet Impala with Va. tags was taken on December 30 from 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Three reports of thefts from autos were received: 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (tag expiration sticker), 6000 block Springhill Drive (tools), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (purse).

Five incidents of vandalism were reported: 8200 block Canning Terrace (two vehicles were damaged by a BB gun on December 31), 8200 block Canning Terrace (several vehicles were spray painted on January 1 by two black males, 5'11" tall, 175 pounds, wearing dark colored clothing and hats), 6000 block Springhill Drive (windshield wiper was broken), 7800 block Mandan Road (window was broken), 6300 block Ivy Lane (tires were flattened).

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two Sundays of each month, this month on January 15 and 29.

### Security Issues

Kapistan said security at Beltway Plaza is fine. He admitted, however, that he misses the dedicated Greenbelt police officer position removed after the shopping center reduced its funding support for the police substation there by \$20,000. He feels mall security officers are doing a fine job, however. Their chief of security has now been on the job for two years, he said, and is focused on ongoing training of security employees.

Overall Kapistan believes crime is down at the center. There have been no stolen vehicles since 2009, he said, and if he listed a crime problem, it would be shoplifting.

Davis welcomed the good news but she said, "Crime is the major reason people will not shop at the mall." Kapistan agreed with this perception but noted that the majority of customers are from Greenbelt West and neighboring areas. Nevertheless, he welcomes residents of Greenbelt center and Greenbelt East to the mall.

There were suggestions from council for improved lighting and especially more lighting for the rear parking lot. Kapistan noted recent and ongoing improvements

for the mall facades and for signage.

Another topic raised by Kapistan was council's increasing emphasis on economic development. He noted similar emphasis by the City of College Park and urged council to learn from their office for economic development.

Davis responded that the city's effort is only beginning and has resulted from efforts by Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Emmett Jordan, who had urged council to pursue the topic.

Kapistan also mentioned economic development efforts by the county government, which is now bolstered by a \$50 million fund to provide financial incentives, as well as Tax Increment Financing (TIF), impact funds and bond authority.

Finally, councilmembers noted the poor condition of the relatively unused parking lot across Cherrywood Lane from the Giant store. Davis asked about large trucks sometimes parking in that lot and the generally poor condition of the paving.

This discussion then led to council's request that Kapistan consider an improved walking/bicycle path in the area providing a safer access to Berwyn Road leading to Lake Artemesia.

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The 75th Anniversary Committee is selling commemorative tiles at the Kick-off program Sunday at the Community Center.

Another popular item was a handy fold-over flyer with information on historic Greenbelt, the 75th Anniversary Committee and a fairly complete month-by-month schedule of upcoming 2012 Anniversary events.

The next scheduled event is a Greenbelt Museum lecture on January 17, "Behind the scenes of Arcadia Images of America: Greenbelt." A gala dinner dance and homecoming weekend are scheduled for the weekend of October 13-14. Anniversary events are also available via the internet at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/75).

### Mayor's Remarks

As 3 p.m. approached it was time to take a seat in the Center auditorium for another talk by the mayor and the preview operatic performance by the Bel Cantanti Opera Company. Community Center staff were busy bringing in extra chairs for the overflow audience even as Davis began her remarks.

She started by congratulating the 75th Anniversary Committee who have been working on plans for nearly two years. Davis also briefly described Greenbelt's history and its celebrations of the 25th and 50th anniversaries of the city and how those events had focused on how the Greenbelt legacy can be celebrated and preserved, including the founding of the Greenbelt Museum.

Noting that she has lived in Greenbelt for only about half of



Kwang Kyu Lee (Herr Buff), and Michael Brown (Herr Frank) share the stage in Mozart's one act opera Der Schauspieldirektor (The Impresario).

Greenbelt's history, she asked how many present have lived in Greenbelt for over 50 years. At her words a good representation of the audience stood up.

Included among those standing were two members of council, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. When she asked if there were any sons or daughters of Greenbelt pioneers in the audience, two people stood up – Bob Sommers and Lee Shields.

Finally Davis asked all those under 15 years of age to stand up and then announced, "They are our future Greenbelt Pioneers who will carry on the city's ideals and create an even

better Greenbelt."

### The Impresario

As described in last week's issue, Greenbelt had an opportunity to see a preview performance of one of Wolfgang A. Mozart's comedic farces, Der Schauspieldirektor (The Impresario). The five-person cast and music accompanist from the Bel Cantanti Opera Company provided an entertaining and accomplished performance for those attending.

The company was led by Artistic Director Dr. Katerina Souvorova, who also provided piano accompaniment. Players included Michael Brown as Herr Frank, the Impresario; Kwang Kyu Lee

as Herr Buff, his assistant; Adam Juran as Herr Eiler, the agent; Elizabeth Turchi as Frau Herz, the older primadonna, and Nora Richardson as Frau Silberklang, the younger primadonna (to be). Even English super titles were provided left of the stage and the Community Center's ample stage proved to be an excellent venue for the production.

The debut performance of the opera is scheduled for later this month at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville. More information is available at [www.belcantanti.com](http://www.belcantanti.com).

All in all, a very good launch for Greenbelt's diamond Jubilee year.

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Earlier, historian Joseph L. Arnold had spent much of his academic career writing about Greenbelt. In 1971, his Ph.D. thesis was published by Ohio State University Press. Titled The New Deal in the Suburbs: A History of the Greenbelt Towns Program, 1935-1954, it addresses the construction of the community in relation to the New Deal policies and ideals of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The work describes the interactions among government officials, city planners, interest groups and individuals who both fought for and opposed a new type of suburban housing development.

Arnold places the construction of Greenbelt within the context of the Great Depression and of reform programs coming out of the New Deal. He covers the politics leading up to the sale of the town by the federal government. Arnold’s book is out of print but available on Amazon for about \$40.

Book by Warner

One of the earliest and most interesting books about Greenbelt was published in 1954 by a pioneer resident. George A. Warner and his family lived in Greenbelt from 1938-1941 and he served as mayor from 1940-1941. Warner wrote Greenbelt: The Cooperative Community: An Experience in Democratic Living.

Warner focuses on how the carefully selected tenants formed a new community. He explores their attitudes toward cooperative organizations, health and recreational facilities. His is a personal point of view as an organizer and driving force within the community. He describes everyday life in a conversational style, including details such as how his wife felt about her all-electric kitchen and who would be selected as the new pastor of the Community Church.

Warner also describes voting for the first town council and the cost to operate the municipal swimming pool. He embraces the opportunities and recognizes the pitfalls of living in a cooperative community run by the federal government.

Another early work is by Clarence Stein, noted architect and planner in the early part of the 20th century. Stein had a keen interest in the three Greenbelt towns (including Greendale, Wisc., and Greenhills, Ohio). An early proponent of planned communities and garden cities, Stein was chief architect and planner with Henry Wright of the communities of Sunnyside Gardens, N.Y., and Radburn, N.J., both forerunners of the Greenbelt plan.

In 1957 Stein wrote Toward New Towns for America in which he discusses the planning features of several of the housing projects he had worked on and others that had been inspired by his planning principles.

Stein followed early developments in the Greenbelt towns and met with town planners, government officials and other decision makers. He applauds the planning features that echo those he had designed for Radburn, such as the superblocks, central green areas, inner walkways separating pedestrian and vehicular traffic, houses that face garden areas and the park as the backbone of the neighborhood. His book is interesting in the context of comparing early Greenbelt to the 11 other

garden cities he evaluates in terms of their successes and failures.

Knepper’s Book

Finally, a more recent book, published by Johns Hopkins Press in 2001, is Cathy D. Knepper’s Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal. Knepper focuses on ideology, the social experiment, the struggle to maintain cooperative ideals and community activism.

She delves into many of the battles fought, especially those over zoning, development and fair housing. She muses as well over the early influential role of the Cooperator, later renamed the Greenbelt News Review, over all aspects of community life.

These books and more are available at the Greenbelt Library. Out-of-print books can also be

obtained online through various bookstores, as well as Amazon and eBay.

Of special note are transcripts from the 1970 libel suit against the Greenbelt News Review. Greenbelt Co-operative Publishing Association vs Bresler (Charles), U. S. Supreme Court Transcripts Record with Supporting Pleadings by Roger Clark, is available on Amazon for about \$50.

This document, not for casual reading, contains the arguments in the News Review’s successful bid to overturn the rulings of two lower courts that had held in favor of the developer. An historic Freedom of the Press victory on behalf of the News Review, the work reflects Greenbelt’s strength in support of its community newspaper.



Here are some details about all six books:

- Greenbelt: History of A New Town, 1937-1987**  
edited by Mary Lou Williamson, published 1987, 1997
- The New Deal in the Suburbs: A History of the Greenbelt Town Program 1935-1954**, Joseph L. Arnold, 1971
- Images of America: Greenbelt**  
Jill Parsons St. John and Megan Searing Young, 2011
- Toward New Towns for America**  
Clarence Stein, originally published in 1957
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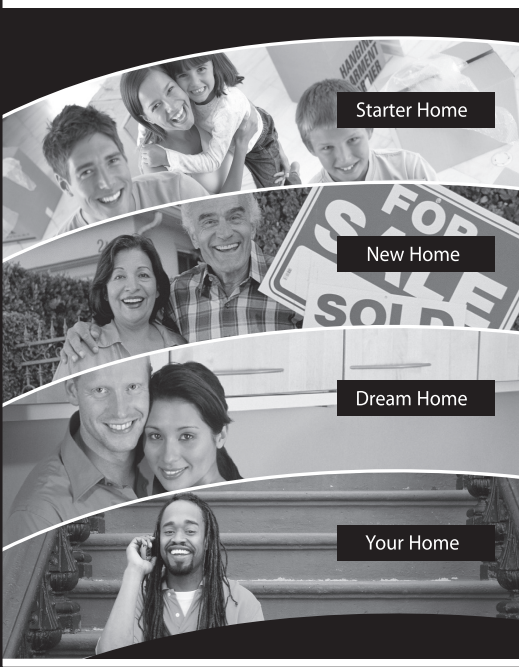
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**Winners**

**Best in Parade** – Greenbelt Sity Stars

**Most Entertaining**

1st Place – Greenbelt Curves;

Runner-Up – Eleanor Pernia Studio of Dance

**Community**

1st Place – Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team;

Runner-Up – Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team

**People's Choice**

1st Place – Greg May and the Greenbelt Circus Camp, Greenbelt Recreation Dept.

Runner-Up – Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

**Theme**

1st Place – Greenbelt Elementary School PTA;

Runner-Up – Mishkan Torah Synagogue

**Novelty**

1st Place – St. George's Episcopal Church;

Runner-Up – Greenbelt Lions Club Bikes and Trikes

**Performing Group**

1st Place – Eleanor Roosevelt High School Pep Band;

Runner-Up – Seabrook Seahawk Pathfinder Club

**Pet Unit**

1st Place – City of Greenbelt Animal Control;

Runner-Up: Maryland Park Police Mounted Unit

**Most Humorous**

1st Place – Greenbelt Recycling and Sustainability Society;

Runner-Up – New Greenbelt Marching Band

**Cars**

1st Place – Beltway Plaza Mall's "Model-T";

Runner-Up – Robert Goddard French Immersion School Citroen

**Fire Emergency**

1st Place – Victor McEntee's 1968 Mack C-95 Pumper fire truck;

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Greg May on stilts walks in the parade along Crescent Rd. with the Greenbelt Circus Camp who won first place honors for People's Choice.



This Citroen won runner-up honors for the Robert Goddard French Immersion School in the Cars category.



Greenbelt's Sity Stars Double Dutch team took the Best in Parade honors.



In the Novelty category, the battle between St. George and the Dragon took first place for St. George's Episcopal Church.



In the Community category the Greenbelt Swim Team took first place honors.

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